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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: OLIGOMERIZATION :
OF C6-OLEFINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oligomerization is essentially a dimerization.

4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 carried out at from 30 to 300°C and a pressure in the range of from 10 to 300 bar.

5. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 carried out continuously in the liquid phase.